

December 14, 2010

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker

Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Preserving the Open Internet, GN Docket No. 09-191; Broadband Industry Practices, WC Docket No. 07-52; Framework for Broadband Internet Service, GN Docket No. 10-127

Dear Commissioner Copps:

On behalf of the more than 8 million members of the ColorOfChange.org, CREDO Action, MoveOn.org Political Action and Progressive Change Campaign Committee communities, which have worked tirelessly in support of an open Internet over the last year, we are writing to express our profound disappointment at the net neutrality rules you unveiled on Dec 2, and urge you to substantially improve them before the FCC's upcoming vote.

Our members understand that only strong net neutrality rules that apply no matter how they get online will protect them from the worst abuses of the broadband industry. They also understand that only reclassification can give solid legal standing to net neutrality and other key items on the FCC's agenda.

To be clear: no acceptable proposal can permit paid prioritization; can exempt wireless broadband from the protections offered for wireline; nor can it move forward without reclassifying broadband, providing the legal footing required by the courts for implementation. Just as importantly, the rule must have clear, inexpensive, and rapid procedures, and meaningful penalties, so that innovators and citizens can effectively seek redress and legal clarity.

Unfortunately, your plan appears to be a collection of safe-harbors requested by the largest carriers rather than a rule to benefit average citizens. If your proposal were to pass as currently written, telecommunications companies would have *carte blanche* to start discriminating between types and sources of content online – doing irreparable harm to America's broadband infrastructure.

It is critical that the FCC not lend its credibility to such anti-consumer practices. From our perspective, to do nothing would be better than to adopt the current set of rules.

Mr. Chairman, it's not too late to fulfill the commitments that both you and President Obama made to preserve an open and free Internet. There is a powerful public mandate from organizations and everyday people reflecting all America's diversity of race, class, and

political opinion who want meaningful, enforceable net neutrality protections. We strongly urge you to either strengthen your proposed net neutrality rules before the December 21 FCC meeting, or withdraw them from consideration.

Sincerely,

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MoveOn.org Political Action

Progressive Change Campaign Committee